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Re-opening of School to all Pupils - Monday 8th March 2021 Arrangements

Dear Parents/Carers

You will no doubt have heard the latest DfE advice regarding the mandatory returning to school for all Primary-aged pupils on Monday 8th March 2021. The DfE's guidance states that school attendance will be **"mandatory for all pupils from March 8"**. This means that the usual rules on attendance will apply, including:

- Parents' legal duty to secure their child's attendance at school
- The ability to issue sanctions such as fines will also be reinstated, and
- schools will be responsible for recording attendance, following up absence and "reporting children missing education to the local authority"
- **Access to remote learning for all pupils will cease and all pupils will be expected to return to school on Monday 8th March 2021.**

We have been busy preparing our school ready for the return of all pupils next Monday and we are all looking forward to welcoming everyone back into school. The Government guidance for the majority of Primary schools in England is that schools are still 'safe' environments for children and staff to return to and school will, therefore, be open as usual for all pupils from Monday 8th March 2021. We understand and appreciate the anxieties you may be feeling about your child/ren's return to school. Since the DfE announcement to re-open schools to all pupils we have been reviewing all our control measures in our school risk assessment and have made the following changes to try and make our school as safe an environment as possible for our children, staff and site visitors. We believe we are doing as much as we possibly can in school to continue to make our environment as safe as possible, however to ensure the success of our revised control measures will need the buy-in and support from yourselves as parents of our children. We acknowledge that some of the control measures, overleaf, may cause you some inconvenience, but we believe them to be essential and, therefore, request your continued support during this challenging period.

Changes to school services offered from Monday 8th March 2021:

	<p>Remote Learning: Will cease for all pupils once school re-opens on Monday 8th March 2021. Any pupils who have ICT equipment on loan from school will need to return the loaned devices to school. Should school experience any further lock-downs school has in place plans to revert back to remote learning including the loan of ICT devices to pupils with no access to ICT in the home.</p>
	<p>School Meals: All pupils will eat their packed lunch and hot school meal in their classroom. Please continue to ensure you order your child a school meal via ParentMail.</p>
	<p>Mid-Morning snacks: Children in KS2 will be able to purchase Toast and a drink or Bagel and a drink for £1.00. If your child requires a mid-morning snack please ensure you order via ParentMail as all Breaksales will be delivered to the classroom daily by our catering team.</p>
	<p>Wraparound Care: Please reference our letter and Wraparound Survey letter sent to all parents/carers 4th March 2021. Please note After School Club and Breakfast Club are both currently closed</p>

Revised School Control Measures Re-opening of school to all pupils 8.3.2021

School Control Measures	
 HANDS	<p>School will continue with its present hygiene regime in school, which proved to be effective during the Autumn/Spring Terms. See School General Risk Assessment for more details.</p>
 FACE	<p>Wearing of Face Coverings <u>All visitors</u> to our school site MUST now wear face coverings on entry to and whilst they remain on school site. All staff in school will now be wearing face coverings where direct contact with children/others is unavoidable.</p>
 SPACE	<p>Social Distancing of 2 Metres Will Be Strictly Enforced Across School School has in operation a one-way system and 2 metres social distancing control measures in place for staff/pupils in school. Please note this control measure includes all site visitors; we will expect yourselves, as parents/carers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep 2 metres apart from other parents whilst on our school site. • to limit the contacts you have with others whilst on our school site. <u>Please do not:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ use the school gates/school as an opportunity to have a catch-up, chat or to socialise with friends. ❖ use drop-off and collection as an opportunity to engage in a discussion with your child's class teacher. If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo and the class teacher will respond, either via Class Dojo or by telephone. ❖ enter the school reception area; this is an isolation area for children who are displaying Covid-19 symptoms and awaiting collection. ❖ allow your child/ren to play on the outdoor play equipment at collection time.
	<p>Temperature checks for all pupils and staff: On entry to class your child will have their temperature checked daily. All staff will conduct daily temperature checks on entry to school. If your child is displaying a temperature of more than 38 degrees they will be placed in our isolation room and you will be contacted to collect them immediately. School will advise you to book a covid-19 test for your child and for them to remain absent from school whilst they await their test result.</p>
	<p>Lateral Flow testing of staff in school: All staff in school now have the opportunity to take part in the voluntary Home Lateral Flow Testing Programme for schools. Staff in school are able to test themselves twice a week using Home Lateral Flow Tests.</p>
	<p>Year Group Bubbles: School will continue to operate its Year Group Bubbles. Staff across school have been assigned to their Year Group Bubble to ensure we limit and reduce contacts across school. Children will have staggered drop-off/collection times, playtimes and lunchtime play breaks. Our children will have their own dedicated area for playtimes and lunchtimes and use of their own resources/equipment.</p>
	<p>School Uniform: Children will be expected to return to school in school uniform and bring their PE Kits to change into on PE days.</p>



Pick-up and Collection from School: To keep everyone as safe as possible, we desperately need your help and support to reduce the number of people on our school site at any one time and to limit the contacts they have with others whilst visiting school. We appreciate drop-off and collection can be a challenging time for parents, but we need you all to adhere to our control measures for the safety of yourselves, your families, our children and our staff team. Below are the control measures we ask you all to adhere to.

Important Reminders to Parents/Carers Dropping Off/Collecting Children From School:

1. Year 6 parents/carers - please **DO NOT** get out of your vehicles and escort your child to the gates. School needs to maintain its strict social distancing control measures to protect all our children, staff and parents/carers from the risk of spreading Covid-19.
2. Nursery parents/carers - please drop off/collect your child using the Nursery gate at your allotted times.
3. All parents/carers - once children have been dropped off/collected, can you please leave the school site as soon as possible – again, school needs to maintain its social distancing control measures.
4. All parents/carers - school has implemented a strict drop-off and collection timetable - please see below. We need you to support us with site safety for all our children by adhering to the times stated. The only exception to this is if you have siblings, when you can drop off and collect your children at the earliest drop off/latest collection times.
5. **Reception - Y6 Children - In the morning**, please enter the school via the double gates in the parents'/carers' car park. On entry to school:
 - a. Children will be met at the gates by members of the School Senior Leadership Team (Ms Duffy, Mrs Chadfield, Mr Quinn, Miss Smith and Mr Read), who will welcome the children into school and direct them to their class line.
 - b. Children will be expected to line up outside with their class teacher on entry to school.
 - c. Children being dropped off early, with siblings in other year groups, will line up with our Teaching Assistant Team who will also be outside holding 'Siblings' signs.
 - d. School will be stopping parents/carers entering the school site in vehicles to check that they are only arriving in time to drop/collect their children at allotted times. Please note, if you attempt to drop your child off earlier than their allotted time you will **NOT** be allowed to enter the school site and asked to return to school in time to drop off/collect your child at their allotted time. Please note, the only exception to this is if you have siblings at school. If you need to drop off your child earlier than their allotted time for work reasons, please take advantage of our Breakfast Club facilities. Please remember to book your child a place at Breakfast Club to avoid disappointment, as number are strictly limited for health and safety reasons.

Year Group	Drop Off Time	Collection Time	Drop Off	Collection point
Year 6	8:40am	3:30pm	At Gates (Car Park)	Classroom Using School One-Way System (Entry through Spiritual Garden gate and exit through gates onto parent/carer car park)
Year 5	8:50am	3:20pm		
Year 4	8:55am	3:10pm		
Year 3	8:55am	3:10pm		
Year 2	8:50am	3:20pm		
Year 1	8:40am	3:30pm		
Reception	9:05am	3:00pm		
Wraparound Care Club	Breakfast Club: 7.45am-8.30am Monday-Friday		Breakfast Club: Hall Entrance	
Please note that school will be forced to refuse entry onto school premises for parents/carers who fail to adhere to these control measures.				

School would like to thank you all in anticipation of your continued co-operation and support. We are committed to working with you all as parents and carers to ensure the safe return to school of your children and that children, staff and school visitors continue to remain healthy, fit and well during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Kind regards.

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